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By Ed Kelley
MGW Staff

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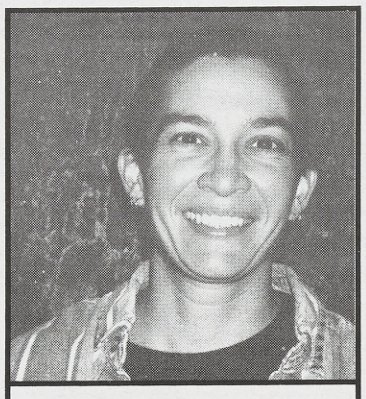

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"My favorite dish is Linda's homemade cream corn! Her recipe is very secretive. My grandmothers green jello and marshmellows does not last long at the dinner table."

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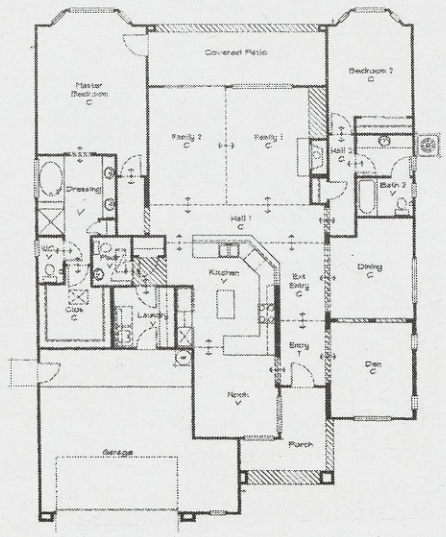

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LGBTI Sacramento Valley Community,

The Lambda Community Center, Sacramento's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersexed Center is very disturbed that George W. Bush has been re-elected to another four years in office as President of the United States of America. LGBTI people and allies around the country are now faced with the enormous task of defending ourselves from President Bush who has chosen to attack OUR community. The wonderful LGBTI people here in Sacramento need to stand up and help us in the fight for equality.

More then ever, we must realize just how important it is to make our voices heard. Now is the time for us to take charge and make our presence known. All Americans want the freedoms offered in this country, but not all Americans want to share those freedoms with their fellow citizens. We must educate our neighbors, our co-workers, and the non-LGBTI community to see that "We the people of the United States" refers to all Americans and not just with those whom religious right agrees with their "lifestyle". The only way that we can keep the civil rights we currently have and to obtain what we all desire, the chance to be equal with the rest of the nation, is to get involved. The Closet is for your clothes, open the door and fight for your rights.

Change cannot happen through inactivity. Our challenge to you as citizens of the Sacramento Valley, California, and of the United States of America is to not only make your voice heard, but also show through your positive example that we are not a community to be feared. Again, we must educate families, co-workers and neighbors to make them understand that being a member of the LGBTI community does not mean that we should be faced with discrimination, hatred and ignorance. Get involved make a difference!

One way to get involved is to volunteer your time a few hours a week either here at the Center or through another LGBTI organization. To be kept informed of community rallies or events, you can join the Lambda Center's email list at www.lambdasac.org. In addition, EQCA/MECA (www.eqca.org) is an organization that the Lambda Community Center has aligned itself with in our perilous fight against injustice.

The Lambda Community Center is dedicated to fighting for our civil rights and to assist all of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersexed people in the Sacramento Valley and beyond to obtain what everyone deserves, total equality.

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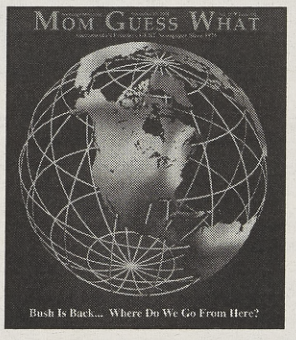

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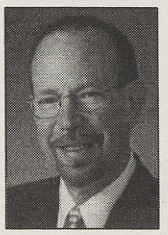
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Davis Food Co-op Accepting Donations For Yolo County Food Bank

At last report, roughly 23% of Yolo County residents were considered "food insecure" – that is, they have difficulty putting food on the table on a regular basis. The Davis Food Co-op, located at 620 G Street in downtown Davis, is once again seeking donations by shoppers in November to help purchase turkeys for the Yolo County Food Bank's 300 Thanksgiving food baskets. Donations will be accepted through November 22, and may be made at the registers using the red "Turkey Coupon" or by check. Checks should made payable to "Davis Food Co-op turkey donations" and mailed to Davis Food Co-op, Attn: Julie Cross, 620 G Street, Davis, CA 95616

The Co-op is also accepting donations of non-perishable food for the food closet. Donations may be dropped off at the donations barrel at the store through November. To donate perishables, contact the Food Bank directly at (530) 668-0690. ▼

Members of the Camellia Symphony Orchestra string section will perform at the third annual Messiah Sing-Along Sunday, November 28th at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 4:00 p.m. For tickets call (916) 929-6655. Tickets are $10 and everyone is welcome.

Camellia Symphony Orchestra Kicks Off Holiday Season With Messiah Sing-Along

The Camellia Symphony Orchestra presents their third annual Messiah Sing at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (13th and N Streets) on Sunday, November 28th at 4:00 p.m. The choirs of both the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and the Westminster Presbyterian Church will perform at this concert. The choirs and orchestra will perform the first part (the Christmas section) of the Watkins Shaw edition of Messiah and audience members are encouraged to sing along.

The program will run for approximately 1-and-a-half hours and will be conducted by Jackson Schools.

The front part of the hall will be arranged by vocal sections including soprano, alto, tenor and baritone for audience members that would like to sing along by vocal parts (guests may also sit anywhere in the house and enjoy the sing-along). Participants are encourage to bring their own music if available. G.F. Handel's Messiah (Watkins Shaw) will be sold in the house lobby for $10 per book.

Tickets are $10.00 and may be purchased through the symphony offices by calling 929-6655, logging onto www.camelliasymphony.org or stopping by Kline's Music in Land Park. The Camellia Symphony Orchestra joins News10's "Coats for Kids" drive by offering a $2.00 discount per ticket for each coat donated at the concert. Discounted orders will be taken by phone and tickets will be held at Will Call for coat donation and ticket pick-up. ▼

Davis Food Co-op Announces Nouveau Beaujolais "Blitz" Wine Tastings

The Davis Food Co-op, located at 620 G Street in downtown Davis, will host tastings of Nouveau Beaujolais on November 18, 19, 20 and 21 from 5: 30-7:00 each evening. One or two wines will be tasted each evening as part of this annual celebration of newly made wine. The cost is $1.00 per taste, and profits benefit the Yolo Basin Foundation. The Yolo Basin Foundation facilitates environmental education through hands-on learning experiences that target students in grades K-12. Founded in 1990, the program has educated over 16,000 students from 15 school districts. ▼

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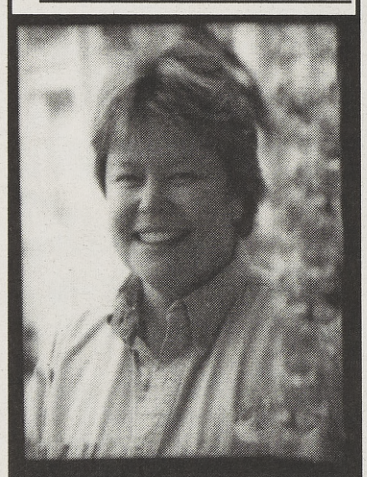
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Surviving the Backlash

By Daniel Roth
President
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In 1965 Democratic **President Lyndon Johnson** signed the Voting Rights Act. The new law brought an unprecedented federal intrusion into local affairs, especially in the South. Voting registration and criteria had always been considered a matter of local and state control. Now if any county failed to register 50 percent of the voting age population that would be considered prima facie evidence of racial discrimination, and the Justice Department would take over control of the registration process. The next Presidential election brought a major backlash against the Democratic Party in the once solid Democratic south, and **Richard Nixon**, the Republican nominee for President, used this racial backlash to elevate himself to the Presidency.

However, we did not turn our backs on the civil rights gains made in the 1960's. In fact, in 2004 we cannot imagine a world of separate lunch counters for African Americans and denying people the right to vote based on their race.

November 2, 2004 brought another backlash. After years of several victories from **Governor Davis** signing the Domestic Partners Rights and Responsibilities Act, to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling in favor of same-sex marriages, gay and lesbian couples have witnessed our civil rights victories advance at a pace we only dreamed about just ten years ago. And just like every civil rights movement in the history of the United States, the backlash has begun.

But just like 1968, we cannot permit an electoral backlash to tear down the advancements we have made. In fact, looking at the 2004 exit polls, there is a silver lining in the electoral defeat. Although only four percent of the electorate identified as gay or lesbian, one quarter of people voting support same-sex marriage and a majority support civil unions. Even President Bush said that he supports civil unions.

And the backlash did not impact California. Democrats still have large majorities in both the Assembly and Senate. **Assemblymember Mark Leno** (*D-San Francisco*) will be introducing The Marriage License Non-Discrimination Act in December, and the Speaker of the Assembly has dedicated to passing it through the legislature. Sacramento elected slates of gay friendly officials to local office, and the Sacramento City Council on Thursday November 4, unanimously passed the Non-Discrimination in Public Contracting Ordinance, so all businesses that contract with the city will have to offer the same benefits to domestic partners that they offer to married couples.

It is easy to look at the results of last Tuesday and get angry, sad, or depressed. And we could give up, move to Canada, and let the backlash win. But we can do better. We can learn from the civil rights leaders in the 1960s, who in the midst of defeat continued their struggle.

So instead of giving up, we need to continue to organize, continue to give our time and money to progressive candidates, and continue to vote for candidates who will fight for equal rights. Stonewall will move forward this year to work with school districts to eliminate discriminations against LGBT students, work with the city and county to provide safe havens for LGBT homeless youth, and be a consistent voice against homophobia within Sacramento.

If we don't let the backlash beat us, then in 40 years we will look back at the America of 2004 with embarrassment. Our children and grandchildren will live in a world where our government does not tolerate discrimination against gays and lesbians in the workplace or in the rights and responsibilities afforded to same-sex couples. They will look at the backlash of 2004 the same way we do of the backlash of 1968 and wonder how the world could have been any other way. ▼

Dark National Moment

By Kate Kendell, Esq.
Executive Director
National Center for Lesbian Rights

Whenever I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have always been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they may seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it: ALWAYS.

-- **Mahatma Gandhi**

And therein lies our hope: our struggle is quite simply about truth and love. We are in a dark national moment. It took less than 24 hours for the recriminations to begin. Our community, our fight for the right to marry and the champions who support us are blamed for the results on November 2. What a bunch of horse hockey. How sad and typical that those who should be standing with us against the very clear and obvious enemies of equality would now blame us for our own oppression.

The question is not: "Was the fight for the right to marry the wrong fight at the wrong time?" The question is not: "Isn't **San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom** to blame for the passage of the state constitutional amendments?" It is never the right time to press claims for full equality in the face of bigotry and ignorance. But the lesson of every past civil rights struggle is that we must press on in spite of resistance.

The real question is: "Why are those who pretend to stand with us so quick to run when courage is required?" The real question is: "Why do we have to again and again compromise our hopes, dreams

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Extremism Works!

By Boyce Hinman
Chief Lobbyist
The Lambda Letters Project

There was more than enough bad news in the national election results of November 2. However, for LGBTI people, and other minority groups in California, there was very good news in those election results. California may be poised for very significant progress in civil rights. Whether or not that actually happens depends largely on how much work people are willing to do and how many are willing to do it.

A fundamental lesson of November 2 is that extremism works and moderation fails. **President Bush**, and the Republicans running for the US House and Senate, ran on an extremely conservative platform. They supported a constitutional ban on same sex marriage and an end to a woman's right to choose. They ran on tax cuts for the rich and program cuts for the poor. And they won big time!.

Nationally, the Democrats ran with moderate (centrist) positions on most issues. They hoped this would keep the votes of Democrats and persuade many moderate Republicans to vote for them as well. As we see, this strategy failed.

In California, the Democratic state legislators have amassed what some would call an "extreme leftist" record. They even voted twice in two years for "controversial" bills to allow some undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers licenses. Since the year 2000 they have approved no less than fourteen LGBTI rights bills.

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Under The Domes

Stonewall Democrats Vow To Fight Any Attempt To Recall Judge Loren McMaster

The Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento responded to the Campaign for California Families announcement of their recall attempt against Sacramento **Superior Court Judge Loren McMaster** because of this recent ruling finding that AB25 and AB205 did not violate Proposition 22. These new laws granted several rights and responsibilities to domestic partners registered in California.

"Judge McMaster is a fair, competent and qualified jurist who has the respect of his community," said **Daniel Roth**, President of Stonewall Democratic Club. "The Campaign for California Families' overboard reaction to Judge McMaster's decision shows just how out of touch they are with California values. Stonewall is committed to fighting any recall attempt of Judge McMaster and will send a clear message that Superior Court Judges will not be bullied by extremists."

AB 205 the Domestic Partnership Rights and Responsibilities Act, was signed by **Governor Gray Davis** in 2003. Beginning January 1, 2005 it will significantly expand the rights and responsibilities currently provided to registered domestic partners and their families to include nearly all the legal rights, benefits, responsibilities, duties, and obligations under state law currently available only to spouses. These legal protections and responsibilities help guide couples through nearly every complex legal situation such as death, divorce, custody disputes, illness, childbirth, assumption of parenting responsibilities, and adoption. AB 205 will also provide crucial protections for children who deserve to have a fully legalized relationship with both of their parents, and deserve to have parents who have a recognized legal relationship to each other.

"The Campaign for California Families is grasping at straws. They failed to block AB205 from succeeding the Legislature. They failed to collect enough signatures to place AB205 in front of the voters as a referendum, and they failed to defeat a single legislature who supported basic civil rights for gay and lesbian couples on Election Day. They are a losing organization with a track record of failures, and Stonewall will ensure the recall fails like everything else Campaign for California Families does," Roth Said. ▼

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San Francisco Opera: Brilliant Singing Ignites La Traviata

"Dmitri Hvorostovsky as Germont and Rolando Villazon as his son Alfredo. (Photo by Larry Merkle)"

By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW Staff

It is no secret that we lack the singers these days for the big Verdi and Puccini operas. In works like Aida, Il trovatore, and Tosca, even New York s Met and La Scala have to send in the B-team because there is no A-team to be had. It now falls to the vocally lighter works to remind us how thrilling great Italian operas can be when they are brilliantly sung. This was certainly the case with SFO s recent production of Verdi s La traviata. All three major roles were cast with first-rate artists having vibrant voices well-suited to their roles. Yet this was more than a concert in costume. The dramatic involvement of the singers made the tragedy of the work palpable to the audience which rewarded them with a well-earned standing ovation at the final curtain.

In her first local Violetta, **Ruth Ann Swenson** possessed all the vocal resources for this demanding role. Over the years, her voice has grown in power without losing the bell-like clarity that is hers alone. She was splendid in the coloratura flights of Sempre libera and overwhelming in the heroine s impassioned second-act outburst **Amami Alfredo** as her voice soared out to fill the house with throbbing tone. Her voice darkened dramatically for ìAddio del passato, heartbreakingly capturing Violetta s grim resignation to dying alone. While she may have looked too well-fed for someone succumbing to tuberculosis, we soon forgot this as her impassioned singing and acting drew us into Violetta s hopeless tragedy.

"Ruth Ann Swenson as Violetta. (Photo by Larry Merkle)"

Much interest centered on the SFO debut of the promising young Mexican tenor **Rolando Villazon** as Alfredo. His highly-praised CD of Italian opera arias has drawn much attention, and with good reason. His voice, while not of huge size, is a gorgeous lyrical instrument with dark baritonal overtones that give it a mature dramatic edge. What is more, he is a sensitive musician who pays close attention to dynamics and shading. In the duets, his youthful voice blended beautifully with Ms. Swenson s creamy soprano. On top of this, he is a wonderful actor who made Alfredo s innocence, rashness, and ultimate grief highly engrossing. Even more, he is very handsome, much cuter than in his publicity photos. This is definitely a tenor to watch.

"Ruth Ann Swenson as Violetta and Rolando Villazon as her lover Alfredo. (Photo by Larry Merkle)"

The Siberian singer **Dmitri Hvorostovsky** has been taking on the Verdi baritone roles in recent years, and from the sound of his account of Alfredo s father Germont, he has what it takes. While he may lack the overwhelming power and thrust of the greatest of his predecessors in this genre, such as Tibbett, Warren, MacNeil, or Milnes, his tone is plush and of good size. He doesn t force it, but just allows it to unfold naturally. With his fine acting, Germont evolved from a coldly formal bourgeois father to a person of genuine compassion by the final scene.

Patrick Summers conducted a forward-moving performance that still captured the lyricism of this wonderful score, while the chorus and other soloists did credit to the work. The attractive conventional production goes back to 1987 but still enhanced the opera. Applause erupted as the curtain rose on each of the colorful sets. As this performance showed, with the right singers Verdi s operas are as vital as they ever were.

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Known for fiery passion as well as impeccable technique, Siberian violinist Vadim Repin will perform the Tchaikovsky violin concerto, a piece he has recorded with the Kirov Orchestra under Valery Gergiev (which will appear at Mondavi Center in April 2005). Repin plays the magnificent Stradivarius "Ruby" (1708) violin. ▼

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Wine, Women, and Wrong

By Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

Funny how our state's beloved, world-famous wine country appears so seldom in films, compared to our beaches. Vines just don't have the excitement of surf. But sex is everywhere. In the lush wine country of the San Ynez Valley, at least, romance seems to blossom as easily as it does among the scantily clad beachcombers.

Alexander Payne's *Sideways* is a very funny, and terribly honest, romantic comedy that dares to plunge its middle-aged characters into bittersweet disappointment, self-loathing, and wrong behavior—all in the name of searching for love and acceptance.

Paul Giamatti plays Miles, an English teacher whose chief strength is his formidable knowledge and appreciation of wine. Everything else goes nowhere: his love life, his finances, his writing career. Giamatti clearly echoes another character he's played, that of Harvey Pekar in *American Splendor*. But this time there's a little more potential for happiness and a little less insanity.

One weekend Miles treats Jack (**Thomas Haden Church**), his best friend from their carefree college days, to a week in the countryside to play golf, drink good wine, and celebrate Jack's last days of freedom before he gets married. Although his fiancée looks like a keeper (her family is rich and successful too), Jack seems troubled by the idea of commitment and the impending limits to his freedom, which he has enjoyed considerably all his adult life.

As a former popular soap opera star who has resorted to doing commercials to eke out a living, Jack is sensitive about his appearance, especially towards women. It's not surprising, then, that when they set out on their little adventure, Jack has more than tasting vino and hitting golf balls on his mind. Not only does he want his sad-sack pal to get laid but he won't mind if the opportunity presents itself to him too.

Sideways begins with an inherent tension whose outlet tests their friendship and reveals their deep-seated, conflicted personalities.

Maya and Stephanie, the two women who become romantically entangled overnight with Miles and Jack, are the exact opposite of those two losers. Maya (**Virginia Madsen**) is a local waitress and student who hopes one day to open her own winery. Stephanie (**Sandra Oh**) is a single mother who works in a tasting room and is as free-spirited as Jack but much more responsible.

The fifth character among this giddy foursome is, of course, the wine itself, not to mention the bucolic landscape in which it grows. In fact, the most memorable moments in the film occur when the characters discuss their deep feelings about wine. To Miles, who hates Merlot, Pinot Noir needs constant attention because it's thin-skinned and temperamental. To Maya, wine is a living organism that connects the taster to all the hands that played a part in its creation.

In fact, as it gets underway *Sideways* (also the best position in which to store wine bottles) almost doubles as a sales pitch for Santa Barbara County's burgeoning wine region. Actual wineries are mentioned, and their wines presumably actually tasted, by the characters on location. Who knows, after this film plays widely, folks who might have ventured to Sonoma might opt for Solvang instead. As Miles explains what makes this growing region so great, we see field hands picking grapes, grapes being crushed, and bottles filling up with the fermenting juice. It's an affectionate yet also informative overview of the agricultural paradise we Californians live in.

Before the travelogue gets out of hand, however, reality sets in. Each relationship is put to the test as various deceptions (remember Jack's wedding?) are uncovered. Jack, especially, seems to do one self-destructive thing after another. Anyone who has seen the movie trailer probably saw too much. Still, there are some surprises and just enough sentimentality to chase away the gloom.

Sideways will appeal to anyone who loves wine but it should also attract filmgoers who enjoy a complicated, yet familiar story that shows some depth and concentration and leaves a long, rich finish. Despite its lush overtones, the film exhibits some discernable acidity that lingers.

Sideways plays at Century Stadium in Sacramento and Century 14 in Roseville. ▼

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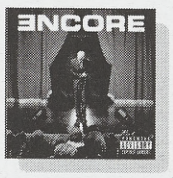

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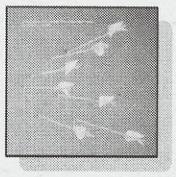

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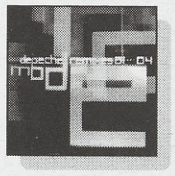

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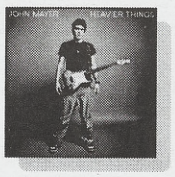

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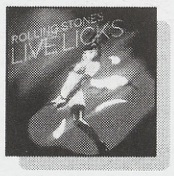

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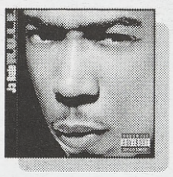

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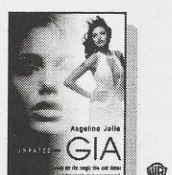

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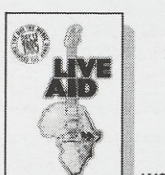

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Stick to the routine: Both dogs and cats become accustomed to a daily routine. Pack enough food to last the entire trip without suddenly changing your pet's diet, which can cause an upset stomach. Include a small water dish for use at rest stops and keep your dog on a leash to make the trip easier and more enjoyable.

Friends ease anxiety: If you're traveling without your pet consider having a friend stay in your home, which will reduce separation anxiety. Always leave your itinerary, your phone number and your veterinarian's in case of emergency. If you need to put your pet in a kennel, choose a reputable facility. Make sure animals are treated properly, exercised daily and medical attention is available. Reputable kennels welcome a pet's favorite toys, bed and their snuggly blanket.

Crate him for comfort: For safety and comfort always use a crate when traveling with your pet. The "den-like" environment helps him feel more secure and calm during road travel. Make sure the crate is large enough for your pet to fully turn around and don't feed your pet during travel as some animals are prone to motion sickness. Most importantly, never leave your animal in an unattended car during the sizzling summer months. Many hotels and travel lodges make special arrangements for animals so call ahead to ensure the lodging is pet friendly.

Identification is key: An identification tag with your current contact information is a surefire way to avoid unnecessary panic if separated or avoid confusion at a boarding facility.

Beat the heat: Pets need plenty of water to stay hydrated. Take frequent breaks during your travel to allow time for everyone to stretch and get some fresh air. Don't forget to pack some balls and chew toys to exercise your furry friend during rest stops and to keep him occupied during the trip.

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Home Alone

Humanization of pets is the latest pet care trend treating our dogs, cats, birds and pocket pets like beloved family members. As a result more cats now live indoors rather than outdoors. And while it's much safer for these born hunters to live inside the house, some felines may become bored.

As responsible pet owners, we need to consider the instinctual needs of our domestic cats. Granted, they have a life of luxury lounging on the lamp stand, listening for the can opener, and looking embarrassed when caught in the liter pan, but cats need to feel useful, too. Without a sense of purpose, kitty may "get into trouble" there goes the fichus you've been nurturing and may suffer psychologically or even physically by demonstrating undesirable behaviors.

"Cats especially like to play at dawn and dusk, the best times for hunting birds and rodents." says Jill Gizzio of CatToys.com. Ms. Gizzio has been reviewing and scrutinizing safe toys for cats and dogs for over seven years. "Our pets play with their toys when we're not at home. That's the point -- keep them occupied, but keep them safe, too." Here are a few of Gizzio's suggestions for a cat safe toy box.

"Play n Treat Balls are great fun. They actually have a purpose, and that's to satisfy the instinct to work and hunt for food," suggests Gizzio. "As the ball rolls it dispenses yummy kibble for a snacking kitty." She assures that even the laziest couch potato will work for this treat. Aromatherapy for pets? Try an organic, catnip-filled yarn ball to relieve stress through its activity and scent. Cats are predators. Occupy them with a swizzle bird feather wand, an interactive game. "One of my favorites is the Wooley Bully – not the song, the mouse. When it gets grungy, just throw it in the washer and dryer, and it's ready to be hunted and caught again."

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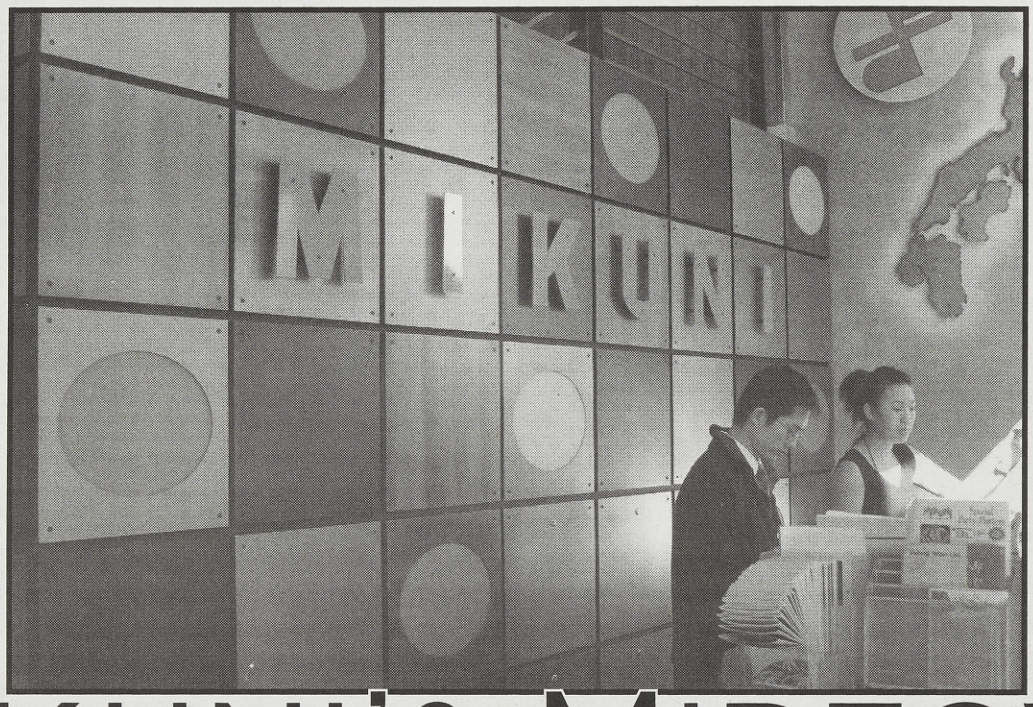

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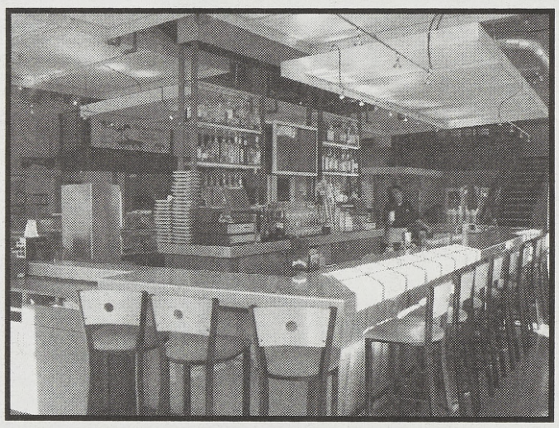

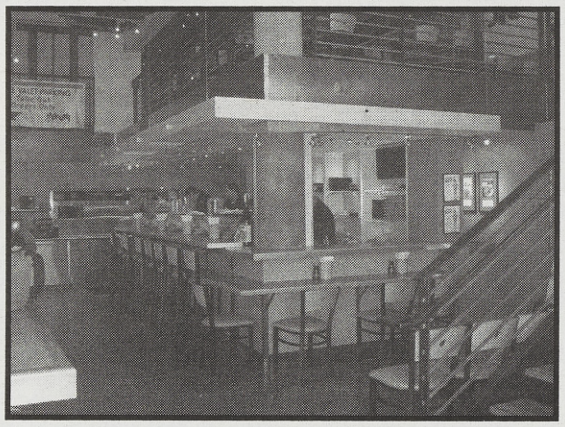

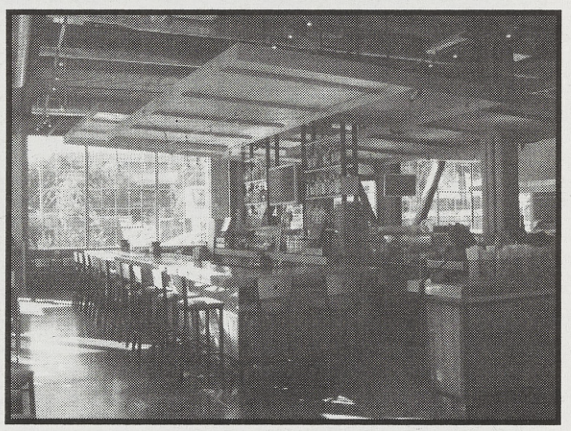

By Katrina Torres
MGW Staff

Having made our way past the disproportionate number of shiny SUV's parked outside, my companion and I had a little trouble getting seated, although the people behind us didn't. Perhaps we looked more like takeout patrons, with whom Mikuni's does a brisk trade, offering them free valet parking from 3-6pm, Monday through Friday. After ever so gently informing the waiter that yes, he could help us, and that we would like to be seated, things went better, with the service being friendly and professional.

On our first visit, we got a nice comfy booth in the corner with a good view of the upscale, casual crowd that filled the airy main floor and more intimate loft. A hundred tiny lights suspended from the ceiling softly illuminated the bare beam, brick and raw cement pillar décor, accenting the sophisticated, converted-warehouse-loft ambience. Both sushi bars were humming, as were numerous TV's.

Six flavors of Skyy Vodka added splashes of color to the well appointed island style bar, inducing us to sample the wares. The sake based Oyster Shooter lacked anything resembling an oyster, tasting instead like a more intense version of the Wasabi Bloody Mary, which lacked the greatly anticipated wasabi stuffed olive, substituting instead one stuffed with red chili paste. That knocked both drinks down from a "Game" to a "Tame" rating. Subsequent visits yielded much tastier results with the Fuji Apple Martini, and the Long Thai Iced Tea, which by itself probably exceeded my one drink limit in alcohol content. Both were definitely "Game".

The appetizers were quite good. The incredibly fresh tasting huge raw oysters, nestled in ice, were fun to eat with chopsticks. The Sunomono was crisp and well balanced, and the Miso soup was excellent. The Mikey Hand Roll, toasted Nori wrapped around white rice, crab salad, avocado, deep fried shrimp and a few other goodies, was one of our favorites. The Volcano Scallops were a real treat, 6 ping-pong ball sized scallops (7 actually), breaded and mounded in a volcano shape, the plate artfully drizzled and dabbed with 3 delicious sauces, and sprinkled with Tobiko and green onion garnish.

Our seafood Tempura entrée, the platter piled high with battered fat scallops, oysters, shrimp, fish and veggies, was very good, although the dipping sauce was a bit nondescript. Choosing from 10 different dinner combo boxes, we tried the delicious Chicken Teriyaki, served on a bed of crisp shredded cabbage, with 7 pieces of California Roll and 4 deep-fried Gyoza, along with the usual white rice and salad with a really great dressing. The Sesame Chicken was also quite good. If you're a fan of spicy tuna and tempura shrimp, try the Midtown Roll. It was easy to see why it's a bestseller.

I popped in for lunch one day and tried one of Mikuni's beautifully prepared lunch combos, The Sushi Bento, composed of the chef's choice of assorted rolls and sashimi. I thoroughly enjoyed the California and Shrimp Tempura Rolls I received; 18 bite-sized pieces served with 4 fat slices of very fresh and tasty red and white tuna arrayed on a bed of shredded daikon, with ginger and Wasabi garnish. For $10.00, it was a real pleaser.

With daily and appetizer specials available on each visit, Mikuni offers a great menu with plenty of non-raw selections for the sushi challenged, along with a reasonably priced child's menu. The prices aren't cheap, but no more than one would expect to pay for a nice meal at a trendy midtown eatery within convenient walking distance of the convention center and the auditorium.

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Grilling Up A Great Thanksgiving Turkey

Preparing meals outdoors is becoming more and more the "in" thing to do. It's not restricted to burgers-any food can be a success. The recipe can be simple or elegant; the process quick or slow. "Backyard Grilling: 150 Recipes For Your Grill, Smoker, Turkey Fryer & More" (Creative Publishing international, $21.95), by Jim and Ann Casada, Kate Fiduccia and Teresa Marrone, covers all types of grilling equipment and other outdoor cookers with tips for using each one. More than 150 recipes include complete cooking instructions for beef, poultry, pork and fish-with a variety of substitutes for wild game and fish.

Here's an example of a different way to prepare the traditional Thanksgiving bird:

Turkey on the Grill
Makes 8 to 10 servings
Prep Time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Grilling: Indirect medium heat with water pan, 31/2 to 41/2 hours

1 medium-sized whole skin-on turkey (8 to 10 lbs.)
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
1 tsp. dried marjoram
1/2 tsp. dried thyme
1 clove garlic, finely minced, optional
2 Tbsp. olive oil or canola oil
Pinch of Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 cup chicken broth
1 cup white wine or apple juice
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 Tbsp. paprika

Remove neck and giblets from turkey and set aside. Remove and discard fat inside body cavity. Rinse turkey inside and out, and pat dry with paper towels. Loosen skin over breast by working your fingertips underneath the skin, starting above the cavity. In small bowl, blend together butter, marjoram, thyme and garlic. Spread butter mixture between skin and breast meat, using your fingertips to pack butter under the skin and smoothing from the outside. Rub outside of turkey with oil; season inside and out with salt and pepper to taste. Let turkey stand at room temperature for about an hour while you prepare grill. Also combine broth, wine, soy sauce and paprika in measuring cup or bowl.

Prepare grill for indirect medium heat. Position filled water pan between coal banks or away from heated area of gas grill. Place turkey, breast-side up, on grate over water pan. Cover grill and begin cooking.

After about 30 minutes, baste turkey with broth mixture. Re-cover grill and continue cooking, basting every 15 minutes and replenishing coals as necessary, until turkey thigh reaches 170° F and juices run clear; cooking time should be 31/2 to 41/2 hours. Transfer turkey to serving platter; tent loosely with foil and let stand for 15 to 20 minutes before carving.

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Rejuvenation is the name of the game when it comes to skin care. The two photos-"before" (left) and "after" (right)-show the results of a 30 day clinical trial using an advanced peptide.

Peptides-Age Defying And Popular

Every few years, the skin care industry announces the latest breakthrough in the quest for the fountain of youth. First it was alpha hydroxy acid (AHA) and then it was Botox™. Now, the latest ingredient that promises to blow all others out of the water are peptides. More potent than AHA's and less painful than a needle, peptides promise to radically deliver the results we've always dreamed of-supersexy, radiantly glowing skin. Combined with a decrease of fine lines and wrinkles, all signs point to a home run.

Rejuvenation, Topically Applied

Rejuvenation is the name of the game when it comes to anti-aging skin care-women want back that glow, that radiance, that wrinkle-and line-free face of their youth, without the acne. Most of the products marketed today to improve the appearance of the skin are in the category of cosmeceuticals, which are cosmetic-pharmaceutical hybrids intended to enhance the health, and subsequently the beauty, of skin.

Topically applied, they contain ingredients that influence the biological function of the skin. Peptides do just that. They zero in on specific creases and wrinkles as well as hyperpigmentation, dark circles and other tell tale signs of aging and significantly reduce their appearance.

One of the most advanced peptides was clinically tested and the results were a reduction of deep wrinkles up to 98 percent. The peptide, created by Sederma, can also reduce the surface occupied by medium wrinkles up to 86 percent. Aloette Cosmetics was the first company in the nation to offer the peptide, to the public through its Age Defiance Firming Serum. The company has also created a whole skin care collection based on this breakthrough technology-it is combined with the collagen-synthesizing ingredient Biopeptide-CL and an active soy/rice peptide complex to create Derma-CL, an exclusive biopeptide complex that targets the genes that cause premature fine lines.

Anti-Aging Ingredient

Women who are weary of going under the knife (or under the needle!) have been looking for their own equally effective answers in the search for beautiful skin and it looks like they may finally have their answer: an anti-aging ingredient that knows exactly where to focus its energies for a multitude of aging dilemmas. Aloette's Age Defiance Serum has been clinically proven to help women reclaim the smooth, supple skin of their youth. ▼

Info: www.aloette.com

A Dry Skin Solution

A lot of women are rubbing their hands in glee at the arrival of Gold Bond Ultimate[a] Healing Skin Therapy Lotion, an intensive moisturizer that helps to moisturize and nourish extremely dry, cracked and irritated skin.

How many? A recent study showed there are some 152 million hand and body lotion users in the U.S. Of these, 76 percent suffer from dry, itchy, cracked or irritated skin.

Research from Telenation also uncovered a sizable gap in the availability for a long-lasting, concentrated skin moisturizer that would also heal, protect and nurture problem skin, especially the more sensitive skin of women.

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Dark National Moment

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and fight for full equality to the milquetoast agenda of politicians who will not fight for us?" The real question is: "Why are couples who make decades-long commitments, like **Del Martin** and **Phyllis Lyon**, denied the right to the security and protection of marriage?" If you can answer those questions, you may be able to discern the real reason the Democrats took such a beating on election day.

We are in the midst of a civil and human rights movement. The lesson of every past movement is patience and resolve and principled demands that those who want our support must support us. In the wake of November 2, some of our supposed friends are suggesting that modest support of fairness and equality for lesbians and gay men cost **John Kerry** the election and thus, for future contests, Democrats must distance themselves from our lives and issues. Yes, of course, run from your base, alienate the voters you are most likely to get chasing the votes of those you will never win. Did I mention this tendency may have something to do with why the Democrats took such a beating on election day? So let me be perfectly clear: we are in this fight for the long haul.

We will not stop until our lives, our relationships and our families are fully secure, protected and embraced. It's one thing when our political enemies sacrifice us for rank political gain, it's another thing entirely when those we have stood with and supported suggest doing the same.

Ten years ago no one would have imagined we would have made the gains and strides we have as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered citizens in this country. These victories happened because we stood tall, fought back and spoke out. We will not go back, we will not retreat and we will not be silenced. More of us than ever before enjoy some measure of legal protection, security and recognition. More of us than ever before are living our lives with personal integrity and authenticity. More of us than ever before have discarded the yoke of internalized homophobia and feel real power, pride and joy in who we are. No one can take this away. Not our enemies and not our "friends."

The hardest work lies ahead. We must loudly support those who have risked much to stand with us, we must support each other, we must rally even as we are dispirited and disillusioned. It is clear that most voters in this country have no idea who we are. For many of them our lives remain an abstraction at best and a threat at worst.

Our only antidote to this cultural void is personal engagement. Yes, I mean person-to-person conversation and contact. Sharing with fair-minded voters the truth about our lives, the reality of our relationships and families. I know, given my Utah roots and upbringing, that these can be difficult and frightening conversations, but nothing less than our future as full citizens is at stake. We can make a difference. This is the work we have to do if we are ever to change the minds and turn the hearts of those we must reach.

We have allies in this fight, champions who do have the courage of their convictions to stand with us and so many others who still, even today, hold to a vision of how the world could be. There are many issues and dreams that hang in peril after November 2. From the environment to education, health care, civil liberties and economic opportunity, those of us committed to broad social, racial and economic justice feel like we've been steamrolled. All of us must unite to take this country back and we must demand that those who need our support and claim our allegiance actually deserve and earn it. November 2 was a victory based on appeals to the worst sentiments and basest fears. It cannot hold. Truth and love always win. Always. ▼

Info: www.nclrights.org

Extremism Works!

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Lambda Letters supports very progressive civil rights, social justice, and health issues. And in 2004 we gave the Democratic State Senators an average score of 93% for their votes on the bills that we supported. The Average score for Assembly Democrats was 95%. The Democrats are driving the conservatives crazy with their support of progressive civil rights and social justice legislation! And yet these Democrats were not punished by the voters on election day. No incumbent state legislator was defeated in the election. The Democrats still retain large majorities in the State Assemblyand the State Senate. They retained strong majorities in both houses of the state legislature.

Our new Governor has also been surprisingly supportive of civil rights and social justice legislation. This year, Lambda Letters gave him a score of 83% for his actions on LGBTI bills and 70% on women's legislation. He did less well on HIV / AIDS and Person of Color issues.

This combination of a radical Democratic majority in the state legislature and a fairly progressive Governor gives the LGBTI community an historic opportunity that should not be ignored. We should now be pressing hard for all the rights that we need. We should press for marriage rights for same sex couples. Discrimination against transgender people by health insurance companies should be banned. Insurance companies should be required to cover sex reassignment surgery. Bans on hate crimes against our community should be strictly enforced.

So how can you help make that happen? The Lambda Letters Project supports these goals by helping people write to their legislators. In 2004 our members sent over 346,000 letters and E-mails to elected officials on important civil rights legislation. And yet we did that with a very small member base. You could join Lambda Letters to receive our mailings and sign our sample letters to elected officials.

Also, we need people to do publicity work about the legislation we work on. We issue numerous press releases to alert the community about those bills. We could use people with writing skills to compose those press releases. We also do publicity to persuade people to join Lambda Letters and use our services. Volunteers could help us with that publicity as well. Both activities would increase the mail being sent to legislators on the bills we all care about.

Each year state legislators introduce more than 2,500 bills. Many of them affect the LGBTI community. Finding all those critical bills, so that we can support of oppose them, is vital. We can use the help of people willing to learn how to do that.

Many of Lambda Letters' members need help in understanding the importance of bills and why it's important to support or oppose them. Often they need help composing letters to their elected officials about those bills. Lambda Letters helps them by publishing a monthly newsletter which explains the bills. Sample letters to legislators are enclosed with the newsletters. We could use people, who like to write, to compose the newsletter articles and the sample letters.

Each year Lambda Letters publishes a comprehensive score card on the voting records of state legislators. This helps us determine in which legislative districts we need to increase our influence. We also offer the score card to voters as they are deciding whom to vote for. We could use people with good computer skills to do the research for the annual score cards.

Lambda Letters does all its work on a surprisingly small budget, usually $50,000 to $60,000 per year. We are proud of our frugal ways. Nonetheless, we know we could be more effective, and help more people, if we had more money. So we could use skilled fund raisers to provide the funds needed for even more effective civil rights activism.

People who want more information about Lambda Letters may visit our web site at www.lambdbdaletters.org. Or people can call us at (916) 728-1261 to seek information or to volunteer their services.

The bottom line is that the political landscape in California is ripe for dramatic progress for the civil rights of the LGBTI community. If those of us in the community do not step up to the bat, and take advantage of this situation, we will have only ourselves to blame. ▼

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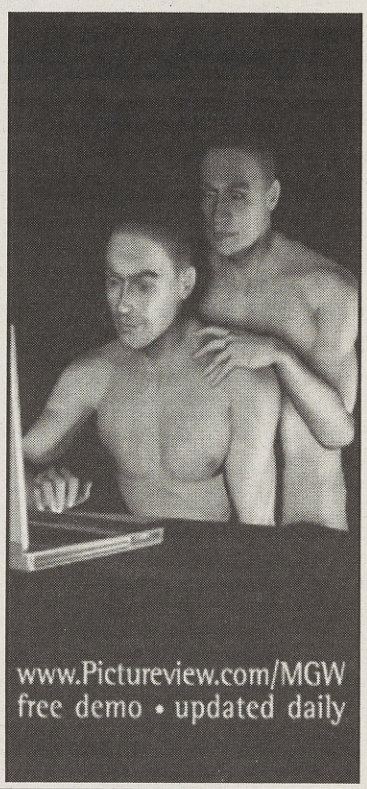

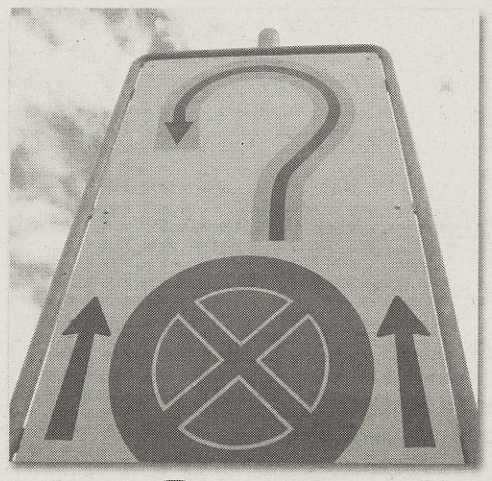

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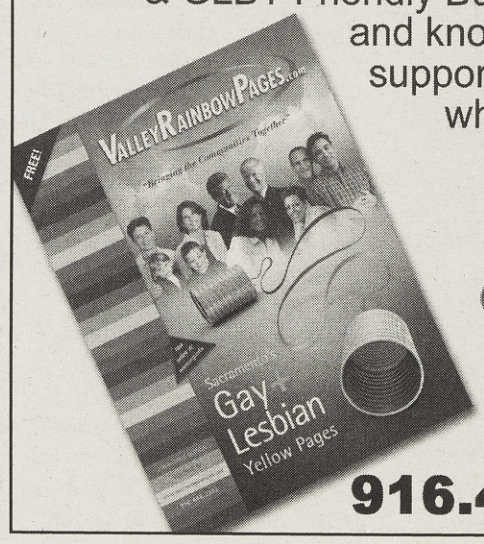

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Art Galleries

20th Street Art Gallery
911 20th St., 930-0500,
www.20thstart.com
BAMPFA
2625 Durant Avenue #2250, Berkely, 510-642-0808
Chroma Gallery
10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 966-6020
www.thechromagallery.com
Crocker Art Museum
Mongolian Art: A Living Landscape, thru October 3; Indian Miniatures, thru October 3; Drawing in Italy from 1550 - 1650, thru November 7; Edward Weston: Life Work, Nov. 20 thru January 30, 2005
216 O Street,
www.crockerartmuseum.org
Exploding Head Gallery
924 12th St., 442-8424
Hang Art
556 & 567 Sutter Street, SF 415-434-4264
John Natsoulas Gallery
521 First St., Davis, 530-756-3938
Legion of Honor
100 34th Ave., SF 415-750-3614
Lola Gallery
2517 Mission St., Second Floor, SF, 415-401-6800
Northern California Arts, Inc
Bald Expressions, thru Oct. 17
5330-B Gibbons Drive, 971-3713
Phoenix Gallery
1739 L Street, 447-1632
Richard L. Nelson Gallery
Robert Arneson: The Palace at 9 AM, thru Oct. 8
One Shields Avenue, Davis, 530-752-0522
SF MOMA
New Work:Evan Holloway & Dave Muller, thru Oct. 24
151 Third Street, SF, 415-357-4000
Solomon Dubnick
2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547
Tower Framing & Design
Gallery of The Macabre thru October 31; Anxiety & the Moral Misery, New work by Robert Bowen
2131 Northrop Ave., 923-6204
Up Town Studios Art Gallery
Reflections on Women; The Strength Within, thru Oct. 8
912 1/2 J Street, 446-1082
Viewpoint Gallery
SVPAC Members Show, thru Oct. 23,

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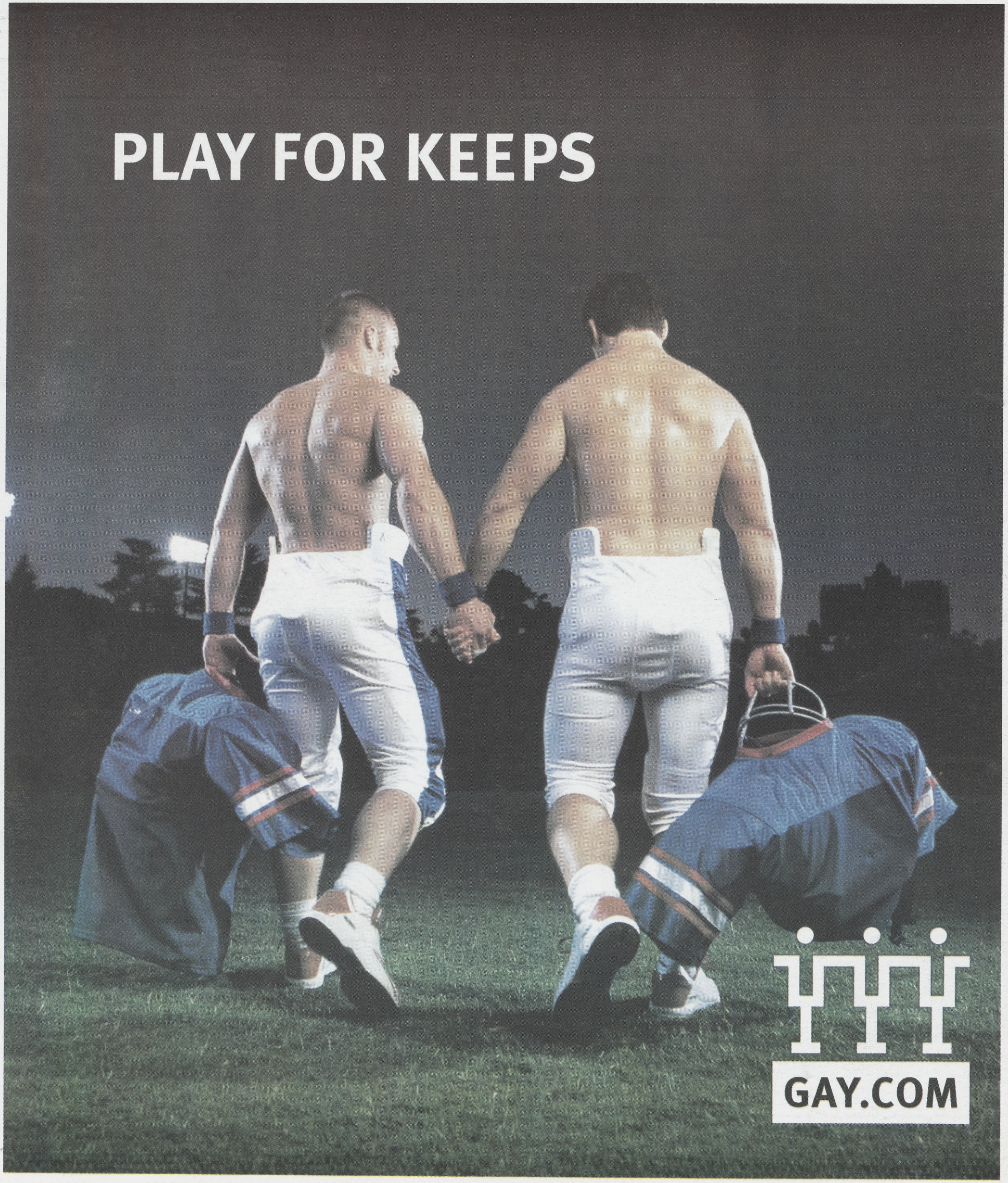
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